

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: OCCUPANCY TAX COORDINATION (WORKSHOP)

DATE: DECEMBER 3, 2015

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS KENNY
MERLINO
CONOVER
DICKINSON
STROUGH

OTHERS PRESENT:

LEISA GRANT, PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT CLERK, TOURISM
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
SAMANTHA HOGAN, SENIOR LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST
PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SIGN-IN SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS FRASIER
SIMPSON

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the December 3, 2015 meeting of the Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/occupancy_tax_coordination/

Mr. Kenny called the meeting of the Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee to order at 10:45 a.m.

Mr. Kenny announced this was the annual meeting to determine the disbursement of 2015 Occupancy Tax funds. He said privilege of the floor would be extended to any applicant for Occupancy Tax Special Event Funding who wished to speak. He asked that any presentations be limited to two minutes in length to allow time for everyone to speak.

Privilege of the floor was extended to the following applicants, who made brief presentations to the Committee.

1. Stephanie Ottino, Adirondack Wine & Food Festival;
2. Christian Dutcher, Americade, Inc.;
3. Bill Belcher, The Hyde Collection;
4. Dave Ehmann, Improv Records & Dave Marzollo, "The Chill" Music Festival;
5. Erin Coon, Executive Director of the Charles R. Wood Theater & Heather Carroll, General Manager of the Adirondack Theater Festival;
6. Doug Miller, Adirondack Sports Complex; and
7. Joe Altieri, New York State Public High School Basketball Championships.

Mr. Kenny thanked all of the presenters for their time and said each application would be taken seriously. He noted each application would be reviewed and awards would be based on the merit of the events. He announced the Committee would adjourn to a workshop session to review the applications. He stated members of the public were welcome to stay but were asked to refrain from commenting during the workshop session.

Motion was made by Mr. Merlino, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried unanimously to adjourn to a workshop session to discuss and determine 2015 Occupancy Tax distributions.

A workshop session was held from 11:17 a.m. until 12:19 p.m.

Mr. Strough left during the workshop session.

The Committee reconvened at 12:19p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Merlino, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried unanimously to authorize agreements with various applicants for 2015 Occupancy Tax distributions as outlined below. A copy of the

resolution request form is on file with the minutes and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 18, 2015 Board Meeting.

Applicant	Event	Funding Granted
Adirondack Hot Air Balloon Festival	Balloon Festival	\$23,000
Adirondack Sports Complex	Youth Travel Team Softball Tournaments	20,000
Albany Rods & Kustoms, Inc	Adirondack Nationals Car Show	28,000
Americade, Inc.	2016 Americade	50,000
Great Escape Theme Park LP	Oktoberfest	4,000
Hudson Valley Vol. Fireman's Association, Inc.	127 th Convention, Trade Show, Parades	10,000
New York State Public high School Athletic Association	Boy's Basketball	23,000
Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce	World's largest Garage Sale	17,000
Code A.6417 480, Special Events		\$175,000
Adirondack Festivals, LLC	Adirondack Wine & Food Festival	8,500
Adirondack Theater Festival, Inc. & Chas. R. Wood Theater	50 Different shows/ 300 live performances	7,500
Full Housepitality LLC	Lake George Harvest Festival	15,000
Hyde Collection	4 major exhibitions	17,500
Lake George Winter Carnival, Inc.	Lake George Winter Carnival	10,000
To be transferred form A.881, Tourism Reserve to A.6417 480		\$58,500
Improv Records	"The Chill" Music & Arts Festival	15,000
Warrensburg Bike Rally (Ed Zibro)	2016 Warrensburg Bike Rally	5,000
Code A.6417 480.03, Discretionary Fund		\$20,000
UP Yonda Farm Environmental Education Center	2016 Summer Nature Program Series	3,000
Warren County Safe & Quality Bicycling Organization	Theme rides, brochure reprinting, expos, etc.	3,000
Code A.6417 480.04, Warren County Projects		\$6,000

As there was no further business to come before the Occupancy Tax Coordination Committee, on motion made by Mr. Conover and seconded by Mr. Merlino, Mr. Kenny adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Samantha Hogan, Senior Legislative Office Specialist